

What is the matter with the Commercial Club, is it dead or still taking its winters nap.

The work of uncovering dishonest realty dealers in St. Louis, who defrauded people out of their life savings, by selling them forged trust deeds, is still going on, and the list grows larger.

Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, in his testimony in the libel suit brought against him by "Boss" Barnes of New York, is airing the dirty linen of the N. Y. State Republican organization. It "shows" was some rotten.

There has been no better prospects for a large and abundant fruit crop in many years. Peach apple, pear and everything else in the fruit line promises a large yield, and the continued warm weather dispels any great risk of a late frost.

One the things that the late legislature of this state could have done, but didn't do, for the protection of the fish and game, was to have amended the game laws, prohibiting the taking of game fish, during the spawning season. One female game fish will lay more eggs than all the minnows put in the river in ten years by the state fish commission.

Additional Local.

W. A. Tyra of the Harris Creek neighborhood, was in town last Saturday trading.

Mrs. James Sharrat and small son, of Kansas City, are guests of her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Ferguson.

W. D. Stanch, of Neelyville, came up Wednesday noon to attend the Methodist conference.

Jack Danner and wife, who have been visiting their daughter, at Benton, Ark., for several weeks past, are home.

Miss Oily Moore, has accepted a position with the Oxy. Lbr. & Tie Co., and is at Oxy at work for them as bookkeeper and stenographer.

Judge John Kiehl, of Centerville, Reynolds county, is here this week attending the Conference, and while here made the DEMOCRAT office a pleasant call.

Virgil Gentry, superintendent of the City water works was at Ellimore, Carter county, the latter part of last week, to see his father, T. T. Gentry, who is sick.

Public Administrator J. J. Seymore, who has been confined to his home for the past week with a severe attack of erysipelas, was able to be around town yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Maness, of Lutesville, are here this week attending the Iron Mountain Presbyterian meeting. Rev. Maness is a former pastor of the church here.

C. N. Pennington, came up from Naylor last Saturday morning and was sworn in as county superintendent of schools. He will shortly move his family here from Naylor.

The scholars of the grammar school held an athletic meet on the school grounds last Friday afternoon. Much enthusiasm was manifested by the boys taking part in the meet.

Boris Borowski, who for the past two years has been clerking for Dave Hecht, in his Cut Price Store, left yesterday morning for Pocahontas, Ark., where he will engage in business for himself, having bought a stock of goods there.

Miss Mare, state secretary of the Women's Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist church, arrived the first of the week to hold conferences with the ladies of the Baptist church of this city regarding her work. She spoke at the church last night.

The county board of equalization concluded their labors last Saturday, and before closing examined into the records of the Recorder's office, and uncovered something like \$27,457 worth of secured notes that had not been returned for taxation. A list was made and placed in the hands of the sheriff, who served notice that they could appear next Saturday, the 24th, before the board and show cause, if any, why these notes should not be placed on the tax books. Some rather startling cases of dodging were uncovered, and the board is to be commended for their vigilance.

T. R. GOES ON THE WITNESS STAND

TELLS HOW "BOSS" BARNES IN SIGHTED REPUBLICANS MUST CONTROL.

PEOPLE UNFIT FOR SELF RULE

Claims That the Boss Was Opposed to Much Advanced Legislation—Always Had Moneyed Interests in His Mind.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 21.—Theodore Roosevelt, an almost irrefragable witness in his own behalf in the libel action brought against him by William Barnes, showed that he is willing to lay aside the curtain behind which the secrets of the Republican organization of this state have reposed in safety for more than 15 years.

The constant haggling of the attorneys over points of law and the admissibility of this or that piece of evidence, which marked almost every moment of the time that Mr. Roosevelt was on the stand, did not give the one-time president the opportunity for consecutive narrative that he plainly showed he wanted.

Some Charges Shot Home. But he made good use of the gaps in the legal bickerings which permitted of testimony, and in characteristically forceful and emphatic fashion shot home these charges:

That Mr. Barnes supported the late Thomas C. Platt in his effort to stop the franchise tax legislation which Mr. Roosevelt fathered in 1899, telling him frankly that the men whose contributions supported the Republican party were opposed to it.

That Speaker Nixon tore up and threw into a waste basket a special message on the franchise tax bill which Roosevelt as governor had sent in, and that Barnes had told him he was foolish to expect Nixon and Aldis, the assembly leader, to act until they had their instructions from the organization.

That Barnes urged him to reappoint Lou Payn, superintendent of insurance, and warned him if he did not the organization Republicans would call in the aid of the Democrats to prevent a successor to Payn being confirmed by the senate.

That Barnes told him it was essential to protect big business interests because unless they were protected they would not make contributions.

That Mr. Barnes told him that the people were not fit to govern themselves, but must be run by party organizations, which could not be maintained without money.

CAN'T LIVE ON \$300 MONTH

Would Rather Die Than to Make Attempt—Wants \$500 at Least.

Chicago, April 21.—"I would rather die than be sentenced to live the remainder of my life on \$300 a month," declared Mrs. Florence B. Lay, divorced wife of Robert D. Lay, an officer of a large insurance company. Mrs. Lay is seeking to have her alimony increased to \$500 a month. Judge McGorty said he would hand down a decision in her case on Saturday.

"There is only one thing left in the world that gives me any pleasure," said Mrs. Lay. "That is spending money."

The following table was presented to the court to show what Mrs. Lay does with her money:

Rent of flat for one month, \$70; maid, \$40; groceries, \$50 to \$80; telephone, \$6.50; clothes, I don't know.

WOMAN HELD AS VOTE BUYER

Society Woman Arrested on Charge of Using Money to Corrupt Election.

Paris, Ill., April 21.—H. Clay Moss, a prominent Democratic politician, and Miss Hattie O'Neill, were arrested here on the charge of vote buying. Mrs. Flora Dawson and Miss Hattie Franklin appeared before the sheriff and alleged that Miss O'Neill had paid them \$5 each for voting.

A warrant for the arrest of another woman prominent in society was issued in connection with vote buying, but was held up at the request of State's Attorney W. H. Hickman.

The citizens' committee which was backing the candidacy of Dr. W. H. Hoff and the four candidates for commissioners, will probably appeal to the governor today and demand a thorough investigation.

Captain and Crew Missing.

Pensacola, Fla., April 21.—The schooner, Annie, which has arrived here, reported passing on April 9 off Cape San Blas, the wreck of the small schooner Donna Christina of Pensacola. It is feared that Capt. Parrish and his crew of seven men were lost.

Authority on Mental Diseases Dead. Edinburgh, April 21.—Sir Thomas Smith Clouston, well known as an authority on mental diseases, is dead. He was born in 1840 and was married to Miss Harriet Storey, daughter of William Storey of New Haven, Conn.

WORLD CRISIS NEAR SAYS MR. WILSON

CLAIMS THAT TEST WILL COME TO ALL VERY SOON.

WHOLE DUTY: AMERICA FIRST

Great Distinction Awaiting America—Self-Control and Self-Mastery—President Addresses Editors at Banquet.

New York, April 21.—President Wilson, addressing publishers and editors of newspapers from all parts of the country at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press at the Waldorf Hotel, declared that the condition of the world's affairs is coming to a climax and that, although the times behind the United States had been difficult, indeed, the times ahead are to be more serious.

"The test is coming for the United States, as well as for the nations engaged in war, the president said. 'Our whole duty,' he added, 'is summed up in this motto, 'America first.'"

Wilson proceeded to explain that Americans should think of America first in order that this nation may be in a position to help both sides when peace comes.

The president commented on the fact that there have been attempts to disturb the perfect neutrality of the nation.

Men had even been saying that if the United States went to war on either side there would be a divided nation, he said. He characterized this as "an anomalous libel of ignorance."

The president said that his interest in the neutrality of the United States was not concerned with keeping out of petty trouble. He remarked that judging by his experience, he was not able to keep out of trouble. He said he had not been looking for trouble, but that he found it just the same.

A great distinction, he said, was coming to the United States—the distinction of a nation of self-control and self-mastery. He said such a nation was bound to play an important part in adjusting the affairs of the world, once the fighting is ended.

U. S. FIRMS IN BIG DEAL

Contracts With Allies Vary From Shoe Strings to Tons of Shrapnel.

Pittsburg, April 19.—T. M. Latimer, a local banker, received a wireless message from London, via the government station in New Jersey, that means the practical closing of contracts for war supplies aggregating more than \$35,000,000. They are not all for munitions of war. They are for all kinds of supplies, from leather shoe strings to tons of powerful explosives and shrapnel. Latimer left for New York to approve the contracts.

The Westinghouse Air Brake Company's plant is about to start on a contract for \$30,000,000 worth of shrapnel for the French government. Last November the Crucible Steel Company had a deficit of \$20,000 after the charges for the month had been deducted.

Largely on account of war orders, each month since then has shown a big profit, beginning with \$40,000 in December and growing to \$250,000 in March. Earnings for April are running at a rate to insure \$350,000 net profit for the month.

MAY THROW OUT HYDE CASE

Judge Intimates He Will Dismiss Physician Unless State Acts Immediately.

Kansas City, Mo., April 19.—After two trials, one mistrial and nine continuances of the last setting of the case, the case of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, charged with the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, is likely to be thrown out of court unless the state immediately takes action to place him on trial for the fourth time.

The first trial of Dr. Hyde resulted in conviction, the second was a mistrial and the third resulted in a jury disagreement. After the setting of the fourth trial, the state was forced to ask for continuances until the money to employ the special counsel and expert witnesses could be obtained.

The judge has intimated that unless the state acts before the end of the present term of court he will dismiss the case.

Marshal Kills Rich Indian.

Sapulpa, Okla., April 21.—W. I. Herod, city marshal of Mounds, shot and killed James Tiger, a wealthy Indian. Tiger was intoxicated and had lost control of his team while attempting to drive out of Mounds. Herod went to his assistance, but Tiger drew his revolver. The marshal shot the Indian before he could fire.

Little Rock, Ark., April 21.—Nine young women were consecrated as foreign missionaries and 10 others as "reconsecrated" at yesterday's session of the Woman's Missionary Council of the M. E. Church South.

LUCILLE LOVE The Girl of Mystery

By the "MASTER PEN"

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SYNOPSIS

Valuable governmental papers are stolen by Thompson, follower of Loubeque, international spy, from General Love, whom Loubeque hates, in Manila. Love's daughter Lucille flies to a steamer to recover the papers in order to clear the name of Lieutenant Gibson, whom she loves.

Loubeque, tampering with the wireless on the steamer, is hurt. Lucille nurses him in an attempt to recover the papers.

Lucille gets the papers, but the ship is wrecked. She is cast ashore on a Pacific island and is taken by a native chief to his hut to nurse his sick child.

The native child is restored to health, and the grateful natives idolize Lucille. Loubeque, also cast ashore, tries various plans to recover the papers, but in vain.

Loubeque, baffled, forges a message from a neighboring chief to lure Lucille away from her friends. She falls into a pitfall, losing the documents.

Loubeque's native aid steals the papers from her master, and Lucille takes them from the native after he is killed by a lion. She finds and follows an underground passage in the tunnel.

Lucille falls into the hands of a tribe of ape men, whose leader drops a necklace of priceless rubies, which she takes. She and Loubeque are rescued from the island by a yacht commanded by Captain Wetherell.

The girl and Loubeque are set adrift in an open boat by Wetherell after she repulses the captain's advances, and he takes the papers.

Saved by fishermen, Lucille and Loubeque are in China. As she passes a house Loubeque's diary is thrown to her mysteriously. She tries to board a vessel bound for America. Loubeque recovers the papers from Wetherell.

Lucille stows away, in cargo and dresses as a cabin boy with the aid of the captain of the steamer in order to search Loubeque's stateroom for the papers. He catches her at work.

Loubeque takes the papers from Lucille. Landing at San Francisco she is kidnapped by the spy and held a prisoner in Loubeque's house by Thompson.

She throws a message from her window to the captain of the boat, who passes the house, and a fight follows, which Loubeque wins. He is hurt, and she takes and hides the papers. Thompson tries to steal the papers.

Suddenly the Mexican grunted loudly. His hands shot high in the air; then the horse fairly ran from under him. Upon the ground he swayed a second; then leaped against the shadow of a giant fingered cactus plant. Lucille sprang from her saddle and sought his side.

Red, warm blood gushed from the wound in his chest. His eyes were glazing when she stooped and brushed her lips across his forehead.

"Go!" he muttered. "Go!" Then his voice took on the resonant tone of a scarp day or less before. "It is the ripple of the wishing well, my lady. Go! Ride to the one—your heart—desires."

He stiffened suddenly and a spurt of tears came from her eyes. Loubeque drew the sheets, the voices. The air was alive with long, darting flames. Loubeque's hive was swarming.

She leaped into the saddle once more and dug her heels into the horse's sides. Through the night she rode with the ripple of the wishing well in her ears.

Behind her, Lucille could hear the pursuit. Not a second could she spare for thought of regret.

Times, above the ringing of her horse's hoofs, she would hear the shouts of those behind her. Now and then a message of head would whine its dreadful tale into her ears, but all these were growing fainter, less distinct with every leap of the animal she bestrode.

Hours, it seemed, she rode, with never the slightest slackening of the mad pace to which she originally set her mount. He was lathered with foam, but she had no pity on him. Her brain was fiercely chaotic, wild with the bloody memories of the night.

From now on she had every advantage. She was free and she knew where the stolen papers and documents were secreted in the mysterious house of inexplicable disappearing rooms and stairs. She had the diary of Hugo Loubeque in her possession, and she had the ruby necklace which was equivalent to vast wealth. She had the outward seeming of guilelessness, was girlish and delightfully effeminate, but she knew the power of the claws she had, and her eyes rested fondly on the revolver which she found in a holster attached to the Mexican's saddle, even as she urged her horse to greater speed.

Across the trackless plain she rode with only the moon and stars looking down upon her, a wild, eerie figure of a bareheaded girl. Behind the pursuit had died away and before there was nothing save a slender ribbon of water that the moon buried its face in contentedly.

She heard voices, low pitched, yet carrying far in the silence of the night. Instantly she drew rein and flung herself to the ground, listening intently. Creeping cautiously to a slight rise.

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LOPPED OFF SEVENTEEN YEARS

Mrs. Jones, at 52, Looks 35, and Rides Horseback as Well as She Ever Could, Thanks to Cardui.

Onawa, Iowa.—Mrs. Anna Jones, of this place, says: "I used to be troubled with a weakness peculiar to women. For nearly a year, I could not walk, without holding my sides with my hands. I tried several different treatments, but was never even relieved. I told my husband I believed I was being experimented on."

Finally, our druggist advised Cardui, the woman's tonic, for my complaint. I was so thin, my weight was 115. Now I weigh 163, and I am never sick. I ride horseback as well as I ever could. I am in fine health, at 52 years, thanks to Cardui. Some think I am

about 35. It was Cardui, the woman's tonic, that built me up. If I ever need a medicine for womanly troubles, I shall use Cardui, for it is certainly all that is claimed for it."

Are you getting old before your time—moping around with hollow eyes, drooped shoulders, no life to do anything? Brace up! Take Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has brought the glow of health to many thousands of women's faces, and made them glad to be alive, as is proven by the numerous letters similar to the above, we receive every day.

Ask your druggist about Cardui. He knows it's good. (JB-4)

Very Low Fares For Winter Tourist Travel.

You can visit the Sunny Southland this winter at surprisingly little cost. Round trip Winter Tourist Tickets are on sale daily, with long return limits.

Via the

Iron Mountain



I will help you select your route through and quote you the lowest rate obtainable.

H. A. TANNER, Agent.

The Earliest Oranges of the Season

Where are they grown? Why do they ripen earlier than in other sections? Why are they so luscious?

These and other questions are answered in a booklet which we have issued describing Glenn County, California.

Glenn county is in the heart of the great, rich Sacramento Valley. A few years ago oranges were grown commercially in only the southern part of the state. Later it was discovered that citrus fruits ripened perfectly in even the northern part of the interior valley. Since then Glenn county has come forward with some magnificent early fruit. There are countless opportunities for not only citrus fruit culture but for all sorts of delectable fruits, live stock, grain, truck farming, etc., in Glenn county.

We will send this beautiful book describing Glenn county free to you if you will send us your name and address and a two cent stamp to help pay postage. Better still, send ten cents in stamps and we will send the Glenn County book, a map of California and a sample copy of Sunset Magazine, the great Pacific Coast national magazine.

SUNSET MAGAZINE, San Francisco, California

In writing be sure to mention this paper and Glenn county book

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of A. Moore, deceased, that the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make Final Settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Ripley county, State of Missouri, to be held at the court house in Doniphan, Mo., on the 10th day of May, 1915.

J. J. SEYMOUR, Public Administrator.

April 9th, 1915. 23-34

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of W. R. Herod, deceased, that the undersigned administrator of said estate, intends to make Final Settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Ripley county, State of Missouri, to be held at the court house in Doniphan, Mo., on the 10th day of May, 1915.

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A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2325 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 30-52.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, the Antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes for tired, swollen, aching, tender feet. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy. Gives rest and comfort. Sold everywhere, 25c. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease. Don't accept any substitute. 23-4.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Abner J. Ponder, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of March, 1915, by the Probate Court of Ripley county, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the executor within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

J. F. KLENN, J. A. PUNDER, Executor's.

23-34

Trustee's Sale of Real Estate.

Whereas, William H. Powles, a widower, of the County of Ripley, State of Missouri, by his certain deed of trust, dated the 9th day of March, A. D. 1914, and recorded in book 47, at page 19, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Ripley county, Mo., conveyed to John W. Young, of the County of Ripley, State of Missouri, trustee, the following described real estate situated in the county of Ripley and State of Missouri, to-wit: The east half of the southeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, section twelve, township twenty-two, range one east, containing 128 acres.

Which conveyance was made to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed described, and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the said note, and the same remains unpaid, Now, therefore, I, John W. Young, by virtue of the power to me given by said deed of trust, hereby give public notice that I will on SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, 1915, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon, in the city of Doniphan, Ripley county and State of Missouri, sell all the right, title and interest of the said William H. Powles, in and to the above described real estate or as much thereof as may be necessary, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said debt as secured, and the cost and expense of this proceeding.

JOHN W. YOUNG, Trustee.

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